

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

PROCLAMATION NO. 07-075

Proclaiming the Month of May, 2007 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a fatal neurodegenerative disease with no known cause, means of prevention, or cure.
- b. ALS first weakens the skeletal muscles in the extremities and as it progresses the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking and breathing. Due to the continual muscular atrophy the patient eventually become a functional quadriplegic. ALS does not affect the patient's mental capacity, making the patient painfully aware of his or her body's continued deterioration.
- c. On average, ALS patients survive two to five years after diagnosis.
- d. Research indicates military veterans are at least 50% more likely to develop ALS than non-veterans.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

The month of May 2007 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month in Multnomah County, Oregon and supports actions and legislation by the President and Congress of the United States with the purpose of funding research for treatment and an eventual cure for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of May, 2007

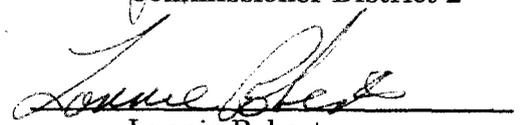
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